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EDITORIAL

QABOOS PRESENTS NEW PROPOSAL

The "Sultanate of Oman" presented a proposal to other countries of the Gulf calling, as news reported, towards "shouldering joint responsibility with the "Sultanate" in protecting the Hormuz Strait. This is not strange that the Sultanate is plotting with the forces of imperialism and zionism against the security and interests of the area entirely.

Such new proposal came a few days after the spread up of information on the arrival of vanguards from the American forces to the strategic Masirah base.

The heightening of the number of British soldiers and officers on the territories of the Sultanate and the flow of American experts and arms as well as the arrival of vanguards from the up-to-date American forces to Masirah base and before it the deployment of forces and officers from the Sadat army and finally the proposal forwarded by the Sultanate to the countries of the Gulf on the so-called protection of Hormuz Strait.

All these are in fact evidences and indications, new and strong, on the role entrusted to the Muscat Sultanate as part of the conspiracy of the Camp David agreement and the fierce imperialist-zionist-Sadat offensive against the Arab nation and its just issues.

At the level of the results of the Camp David Agreement, the "Sultanate of Oman" became a party of the new American-Israeli-Sadat military pact.

This, pact, under the leadership of the United States of America, looks after and plans for the area of the Arabian Gulf on the consideration that it is one of the basic fields for fulfilment of the Camp David accord and a basic chain in the new imperialist-zionist offensive against the Arab nation.

Imperialism, and zionism, along with their puppet Sadat, found their prey in the Sultanate of the British and Qaboos as a launching point and bridge for implementing their plans in this sense.

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AMERICAN INTERFERENCE

IN GULF

The rulers of Muscat do not hesitate to make statements in which they affirm their allegiance to American imperialism and their great eagerness to serve its interests in the area of the Arabian Gulf stressing upon adherence to the attitude of plotting against the Arab national issues and the interests and destiny of the Arab nation.

In an interview held with him by the American "Time" magazine in June, 1979 Qaboos asked for what he called "an American initiative in the area..." as to the future of the Gulf is not threatened with danger as he said.

This means that Qaboos asks for direct American interference in the area politically and militarily to stand against the repetition of what happened in Iran as hoped by this puppet who "constructs what happened in Iran as a Soviet aggression" e.g. opposition and popular uprisings against the traitorous reactionary regimes such as the Muscat regime, are regarded as an aggressive act by the Soviet Union.

Qaboos reaffirmed Gen-

eral of Egyptian military presence in Oman which became a reality that cannot be hidden despite the denial of the puppets. Yet this puppet affirmed Sadat's preparedness to back him militarily if his regime is subject to danger. "...President Anwar Sadat would send us without hesitation military help," he said.

It is worth mentioning that this puppet had already announced last April (in Oman newspaper, Muscat) that he doesn't need external backing because his forces possess sufficient ability. But he turned up again in his recent interview with the Time magazine to say that he will be in need to external military backing and assistance and that Sadat would be prepared to extend such backing and assistance.

Affirmation of Qaboos's need for external backing confirms the reality which the traitorous rulers of Muscat tried to hide and which says that their regime is a hired regime and accordingly it is always in need to foreign spears for protecting it. Up to this

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PRESS STATEMENT

HORMUZ

An official source in the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman (PFLO) made the following statement: "The command of the Omani revolution followed the total plans and conspiracies which are being woven against Oman and the Arabian Gulf and the chain of suspected moves being made by the Anglo-American imperialists and their puppets in Muscat.

The talk repeated by the Sultanate and the Western circles on the presence of a plan to close the Hormuz Strait is in fact nothing but lies and fabricated propaganda with which they want to justify the foreign interference in the Arabian Gulf area topped by American military interference. All these fabricated propaganda are exposed recently by the project submitted by the Sultanate of Oman to the Gulf countries for the creation of colonialist military pacts in the area in collaboration with the forces of imperialism headed by the United States of America which in fact started to send its experts and vanguards of its forces to the Omani island of Masirah. We, in the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman announce to the world entirely that we are very eager and keen about the safe function of navigation in the Hormuz Strait and will not and never think of undertaking any act threatening navigation in this lively and important waterway in the world.

We affirm to the Arab and world public opinions that the American plans

and "meritorical military presence in the area and the establishment of suspected military pacts and the presence of a regime such as the regime of Qaboos are they which threaten the security of the area and its peoples and create further tension that will in turn threaten world peace wholly. The American military presence and the continuation of the stay of a regime such as the Qaboos regime in Muscat constitutes great danger to the area. We in the front struggle and call continuously for the liberation of Oman "the Sultanate" from foreign presence and to keep the area away from any military pacts or any military presence by any foreign forces as this alone would realise real security and stability including the safety of waterways and others.

The recent call by the Sultanate is in fact an American call. This call was rejected and condemned by the Arabian Gulf countries such as Iraq and Kuwait and must be rejected by other countries. But in addition, the open activities hostile to the peoples of the area and carried out by the Muscat regime must incur view be faced with more firm apprehension than mere condemnation and denouncement. This is the least to be expulsion of the Muscat regime from the Arabian League and interruption of backing and support to it from the Arab countries

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AMERICA'S WARNINGS ON GULF
A DISTORTION OF THE STRUGGLES
OF OUR PEOPLE AND JUSTIFICATION
FOR CONSOLIDATING ITS INFLUENCE

Qaboos was the quickest Gulf ruler to respond to the American warnings in connection with the "subversive acts" against the oil tankers crossing Hormuz Strait. At the same time he was one of the few rulers to whom Washington, while giving such warnings offered its preparedness to consolidate his defensive abilities in order that he performs his role in a better manner for defending the lively interests in this strategic area. The quick response and generous offer only proof the nature of relations and horizons of their development in future between Washington and Muscat as the first, after losing its stronger standing in this area following the victory of the Iranian revolution and the toppling down of the Shah, became in more need to the rulers of Muscat in order to undertake increasing roles at the level of ensuring the flow of oil to the capitalist countries and in particular America, and defending one of the most important straits through which it passes.

If the signified strategic position being occupied by Oman in the Arabian Gulf where the interests of American imperialism exist, and the Indian Ocean where the Seventh Fleet is stationed, it is possible to realise Washington's eagerness & care to give Muscat special attention.

Inturn Qaboos realises

such facts and adds to them his full preparedness to sell our country to the circles of imperialism in return for the crumbs thrown by these circles to Qaboos and his like to keep them able to spend on their personal desires so long that these imperialist circles have the desire to back him and help him against the brave Omani people and their escalating struggles under the leadership of the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman, which is disturbing him and of which he fears much especially after the Iranian revolution withdrew the forces sent by the Shah to support Qaboos in the annihilation war launched by him against the masses of the Omani people.

Emanating from this, and nothing else, Qaboos hastened to consolidate his forces overlooking the Hormuz Strait on the grounds of the "correctness" of the American speculations and occurrence of the incident of Monday 21st July.

Neither national sovereignty nor Omani prestige and dignity were standing before the eyes of Qaboos when he decided to "stand against the occurrence of any incident in that waterway".

Stemming from the same launching points and in fulfilment of its desire to increase its military presence in this area and particularly on the Omani "Masirah" island where the

American forces get special facilities for the pieces of their fleets operating in this area, Washington offered Qaboos to supply him with his needs of forces for taking up position in this strait and for standing against anything that may disturb the safety of oil tankers crossing it or subject them to danger.

For the sake of justifying such mean and treacherous projects against the Omani people, the Western information media started to circulate rumours to the effect that those to undertake such acts would only be one of the two: the Palestine revolution or the Omani revolution.

The Palestine revolution hastened to deny the possibility of carrying out such an act and affirmed that when it decides to perform any acts against oil and its installations it would do that inside the United States itself.

We in turn affirm that oil is an Arab wealth and a source of power for the Arabs and when we decide to hit the interests of imperialism in this area there is the ladder of priorities and there are our humanitarian responsibilities at international level which we value much and credit them the needed attention and behaviour towards them in the required manner.

We have exploded the revolution since more than fourteen years and throughout this immortal and glorious period we have been and are still eager to specify our

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PRESS STATEMENT BY OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN OF PEOPLE'S FRONT IN BAHRAIN.

On the day of Idd al-Fitr (Muslim feast) the Bahraini authority carried out an extensive arrest campaign which covered more than 120 (one hundred and twenty citizens) following the peaceful procession in which thousands of demonstrators took part demanding the release of the political detainees following the arrest of Sheikh Muhammad al-Akri and Ali al-Asfeer at the airport after their return from Iran.

The authority has already launched the first campaign following the procession of 17th August - the day of solidarity with the liberation of Jerusalem. By this campaign the authority confirmed its traitorous attitude towards the Palestinian issue and its great hostility towards the popular masses which called for the liberation of Jerusalem and placement of all Arab and Islamic potentialities under the service of the Palestinian issue.

These repressive campaigns came in continuation of the traitorous oppressive attitude adopted by the authority.

On one hand it is opening its prisons and detentions for the honourable nationalists subjecting them to ugliest types of torture savagely and confiscating all political and trade union rights of the citizens and making them

as prisoners of the awkwardness of the ruling class and the Special Branch which is supervised by British and Jordanian experts. The matter even reached the extent of confiscating the passports of hundreds of university students and their deprivation of continuing their studies as well as the chaining of their freedom of movement. It refused response to the just demands of the workers for creating trade unions and technical federations for them and threw against the wall the simplest human rights stipulated by the Charter of the United Nations and Human Rights Commission as it detained tens of nationalists and trade unionists since more than five years without trial. On the other hand, it is opening the doors of the country for all trade and banking monopolies and agents of the American Central Intelligence and British intelligence and remains of the Savak and the ousted Iranian regime and made Bahrain a base for the American fleet and a station for American military aircraft, and it is not hesitating to transform the country into a centre for all burglary operations being undertaken by the imperialists from the Gulf area for looting the oil royalties. It is also turning the country into a launching pad for Amer-

ican plotting in the Gulf.

We appeal to the Arab and world public opinion to stand by the side of our people and its national forces and militants who are lying in the Huddersdon prisons and detentions.

Our people is fighting for its just rights for the release of political and trade union freedoms and abolition of repressive laws and in particular the ill-famed State Security law, restoration of parliamentary life and release of all political detainees as well as abolition of the hard resolutions against the right of hundreds of students, as well as liquidation of the American bases.

We also appeal to all honourable pens and just organisations to stand by the side of our people and defend it in the face of the oppressive tyrants. We highly admire all campaigns of solidarity and backing extended by many of the political and trade union organisations and honourable people which campaigns have had great effect in the hearts of our people and its national forces.

We are confident of the determination of our people and its insistence to wrest its rights backed by Arab and world solidarity with which it will force the ruling authority change such traitorous oppressive attitude being adopted and exercised by it.

MILITARY COMMUNIQUE

On 8th August, 1979 the enemy advanced from his centre at Qarhanoot to Kizit in the eastern sector. A group of our comrades was watching the movements of his forces. At seven in the evening of the same day the enemy forces clashed with a group of People's Liberation Army forces operating in the area. A fierce battle ensued in which our comrades used light machine-guns. The battle continued for ten minutes during which the enemy suffered the following losses:



- 1) death and injury of five enemy members
 - 2) the silencing of a machine-gun post.
- The enemy admitted the

death of two of the members of his forces one of whom is in the rank of sergeant. Our forces returned to base safely

hoisting high the banner of victory and vowing to the revolution of 9th June to struggle until the homeland is liberated and united.

As usual, when the enemy sustains defeat, he resorted to mean and filthy methods as, following this heroic battle the enemy provoked the peaceful citizens residing in the battle area by threatening them and searching their houses and striking a cordone around the area leading to the prohibition of the citizens from leaving and regarded the area isolated.

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moment this regime is depending upon the spears of the British and after the withdrawal of the Iranian forces it became in need to new spears to consolidate the British spears. Sadat showed, with American consultation, his preparedness to provide such spears. But the puppets in Muscat have to learn from what happened to their former protector as the will of peoples cannot be defeated and the Omani people is not with a lesser ability nor with a weakest belief and will than other peoples.

If the question of Egyptian-American military interference in Oman is going to be viewed by some as an Omani question that concerns the Omani people alone as it happened in the case of the previous Iranian military interference, then the request by puppet Qaboos from America for direct interference in the Arabian Gulf area is regarded as a Gulf ques-

tion firstly and Arab question secondly. It is also in a basic degree our question as the Omanis and we shoulder responsibility for it with pride and prestige and we pay as cost for this pride and prestige blood, souls and pains.

We, with certainty, do not ask anyone to topple for us the Qaboos regime in Muscat and to hand over power to us because our people and revolution are capable of undertaking such an assignment. But we want the brethren to stop giving the innocent shape to this regime and to stop giving it the protective vaccines because these vaccines return back to the chests of the members of our people as spears and bombs. Our people is not an enemy nor hostile to any of the brethren who respects its will and its right for a free and dignified life on its land.

itive part of the Arab homeland.

The recent proposal submitted by Qaboos to the countries of the Arabian Gulf is wanted from one sphere to cover up and justify the flow of American forces and weapons to the island of Masirah and other territories of the Sultanate and is also wanted on the other sphere to flourish the efforts of establishing a new regional military pact linked through the Sultanate with the American-Sadat pact.

The Qaboos regime proved always and often of mishandling endlessly the Arab interests in the area and of being fully prepared to play a deep

role and become a tool in the hands of the forces of imperialism not only against the area of Oman and the people of Oman but also against the Gulf and Peninsula area and against the Arab nation. Today he is undertaking an executive role for implementing the American-Zionist plans against the Gulf and Peninsula area and against its security and interests.

Is there any real reply from the countries of the area to this?

It appears up to now that the real reply to the treasuries of Qaboos and plots of his masters cannot come but from the peoples of the area itself as was the case always in the past

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enemy accurately and hit our targets with greater accuracy a thing which made us win the confidence of our people and respect of our friends and allies at international level.

So, we will not and never allow America to distort the revolutionary struggles of ours and turn them into a justification for consolidating its military presence and economic influence and political hegemony over this area.